

**City of Locust Grove
 Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
 Public Safety Building – 3640 Highway 42 S.
 Locust Grove, GA 30248
 Monday, July 19, 2021
 6:00 PM**

Members Present:	Staff Present:
Robert Price – Mayor	Tim Young – City Manager
Willie Taylor – Councilman	Bert Foster – Assistant City Manager
Keith Boone – Councilman	Jennifer Adkins – Assistant City Clerk
Rod Shearouse – Councilman	Daunté Gibbs – Community Development Director
Rudy Breedlove - Councilman	Anna W. Ogg – Main Street Manager
Vincent Williams - Councilman	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
Carlos Greer – Councilman	Warren Tillery - Attorney
	Staff Not Present:
	Misty Spurling – City Clerk
	Derrick Austin – Police Chief (Conference)
	Andy Welch - Attorney

Mayor Price called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Invocation given by City Manager Tim Young.

Councilman Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the July 19, 2021, meeting agenda.

RESULT	APPROVED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Introduction of new hire – Officer Joshua Duke –

Mayor Price said Mr. Duke could not be here due to scheduling conflict. Nothing further.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – NONE

OLD BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –

- 1. Ordinance for annexation of 39.08 +/- acres and 156.82 +/- acres located North of Bethlehem Road between Interstate 75 and SR 42 (Parcel IDs: 110-01019002 and 110-01023000) in LL 230, 246,250,251 of the 2nd and 7th districts –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution **#21-07-050.**

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #21-07-050
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – FOUR IN FAVOR (SHEAROUSE, TAYLOR, BOONE, BREEDLOVE) AND TWO OPPOSED (GREER, WILLIAMS)

- 2. Ordinance for rezoning of 39.08 +/- acres and 156.82 +/- acres located North of Bethlehem Road between Interstate 75 and SR 42 (Parcel IDs: 110-01019002 and 110-01023000) in LL 230, 246,250,251 of the 2nd and 7th districts –**

Community Development Director Daunté Gibbs stepped forward and stated a letter received from Norfolk Southern which was read aloud by Mr. Gibbs to be entered in the minutes (attached hereto and made part of these minutes as “**Exhibit A**”).

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance **#21-07-051.**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #21-07-051
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED – FOUR IN FAVOR (SHEAROUSE, TAYLOR, BOONE, BREEDLOVE) AND TWO OPPOSED (GREER, WILLIAMS)

- 3. Resolution to approve the T-SPLOST IGA and project list –**

City Manager Tim Young stepped forward and stated the county has already approved the IGA, and we are recommending approval. He stated the distribution is based on 2019 census figures which are more favorable to us, and the project list includes major mobility projects and provides for repaving in areas all around the city to benefit all citizens.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance **#21-07-052.**

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #21-07-052
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

4. Ordinance to approve Millage Rate rollback –

City Manager Tim Young led discussion stating our digest grew by 17.3% to \$444,000,000. He said the new calculation for the millage rate would be 5.769 mils, and the city has been rolling the millage back to 0.00 since the year 1980. He stated this is needed to meet an annual requirement by the Department of Revenue.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance **#21-07-053**.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #21-07-053
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

CITY OPERATION REPORTS / WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS

MAIN STREET OPERATIONS – ANNA W. OGG

Mrs. Ogg gave an update on the tax credit project for Wessels & Gerber, stating the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has approved the rural zone tax credit. Mrs. Ogg said we may also see a few new tenants downtown in the upcoming months. There was no quorum for Main Street to meet. City staff has started working on Christmas in the Grove and a large Christmas-light order was placed today to truly light up the city on the holidays. Mrs. Ogg said that a façade grant application has been received for Planter’s Walk Antiques. The HPC received no COAs and work on the historic resource survey continues. Further, Mrs. Ogg said staff posted a social media campaign to encourage residents and visitors to take better care of our parks. Mrs. Ogg stated the next Yoga in the Park event is coming up on the second Saturday in August. Nothing further.

PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS – CHIEF DERRICK AUSTIN

Mayor Robert Price stated the Chief Derrick Austin is not present as he is attending chiefs training out of town.

City Manager Tim Young stepped forward to update on a murder in Skyland on July 4th. The suspect turned himself in last week after a prolonged search in a nearby county.

PUBLIC WORKS – JACK ROSE

Public Works Director Jack Rose stepped forward with an update everything is operating as normal. We purchase a camera truck for wastewater. He stated we are working on some new technology to improve the gas problems at our lift stations. We had one employee, Michael Owens, resign. Mr. Rose said there are several new subdivisions going in, and we have installed 38 new meters this month. Nothing further.

ADMINISTRATION – BERT FOSTER

Mr. Foster gave an update on the Peeksville Road extension; a final offer order was sent to the property owner, and we are waiting on his decision. Mr. Foster gave an update on Chase Maddox Park stating there are ponding issues on the track surface. The project engineer and design professionals have developed a solution, and we are waiting on the manufacturer to sign off. The ID sign is up at the park and is covered while we schedule a time for the dedication ceremony. We are also doing some work to the playground fence and creating a new walkway to the play area. Mr. Foster said the brick columns in front of city hall were removed as the next step in the right-of-way certification process that GDOT goes through for the extra lane project on Hwy 42. He added that he emailed out the latest toolkit regarding the MMIP (Commercial Vehicle Lane) and that project continues to move forward. Mr. Foster gave an update on the signal at Market Place and Hwy 42, we have received one easement from Georgia Transmission Corporation, and we are waiting to hear from the railroad on the other. The contract for the lightning arrestors at City Hall and the Public Safety Building was sent to Vickery Lightning, and we are waiting on some final details from their insurance. An estimate from Falcon Design Group on the additions we requested to the Scatter Garden/Veteran's Memorial is expected soon. Mr. Foster said some surveying work should begin this week on the drainage issue at Jackson and Arnold Street. There are no new updates from GDOT on the Downtown Corridor study, and we should have some no truck signs up next week on Jackson Street and Davis Lake Road.

- **Resolution to create a streetlight district in Grove Village subdivision**

Mr. Foster continued with discussion staff received a petition to create a streetlight district in Grove Village, it is a private subdivision. It includes 250 lots for a proposed 47 lights. The annual fee will be \$26.40 per lot and will be collected through the Tax District fees. This will be brought back in August for action.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS – DAUNTÉ GIBBS

Community Development Director Daunté Gibbs gave an update his department has issued a total 1,717 permits including 308 new house permits for 2021. We have issued 191 COs [124 residential and 67 commercial permits] with a total of 378 business licenses issued for 2021. Further, Mr. Gibbs said there are currently 20 active residential developments, 10 commercial developments and 9 industrial developments. Nothing further.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB) – NONE

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS –

Mr. Young gave an update on staffing. We had one employee resign, Brandi Berry, and we are transferring Joan from Community Development to the Water department to fill the position. We also are releasing our stormwater plan reviewer and will be working a job description for a Development Inspector. We are continuing reviews and budget work for the coming year. Mr. Young said GMA conference items should be arriving in the mail this week. Mr. Young thanked Council for approving T-SPLOST. Nothing further.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS – NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE

ADJOURNMENT-

Mayor Price asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Breedlove made the motion to adjourn.

RESULT	ADOPTED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
2 ND MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN-FAVOR MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:31 PM.

Notes taken by:

Jennifer Adkins, Assistant City Clerk

EXHIBIT A
LETTER DATED July 12, 2021
FROM THE NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION